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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in connection with the above-identified §371 national stage application based on PCT International Application No. PCT/FI2004/000463, filed July 27, 2004, designating the United States and claiming priority of Finnish Patent Application No. 20031105, filed July 28, 2003. Thirty (30) months from the priority date is January 28, 2006. Accordingly, this Preliminary Amendment is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

A new Abstract of the Disclosure is referred to on page 3 of this paper and attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.